

In re: Shima et al.  
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4. (Once amended) A process for the production of a cellulose ether, ~~comprising~~  
[wherein] ~~obtaining a [the] powdered pulp [obtained] by a method as claimed in claim 1, and~~  
[is] ~~producing cellulose ether by using [used] the powdered pulp as a starting material.~~

5. (Once amended) A process for the production of a cellulose ether, ~~comprising~~  
[wherein] ~~obtaining a [the] powdered pulp [obtained] by a method as claimed in claim 2, and~~  
[is] ~~producing cellulose ether by using [used] the powdered pulp as a starting material.~~

6. (Once amended) A process for the production of a cellulose ether, ~~comprising~~  
[wherein] ~~obtaining a [the] powdered pulp [obtained] by a method as claimed in claim 3, and [is]~~  
~~producing cellulose ether by using [used] the powdered pulp as a starting material.~~